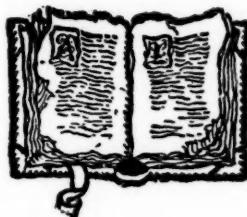


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A Message from the President of the Arkansas Library Association

Many problems confronting Arkansas librarians were brought out in the meeting of the Association November 13 and 14. Need for legislation of various types; appropriations for the Commission and for State Aid, a plan for certification of librarians, passage of an amendment to the constitution to permit county libraries to be supported by means of a tax (such as Amendment No. 34 which has just failed). All these must be pushed by the Association. A post-war plan for library service over the entire state should be worked out. The problem of closer cooperation with the American Library Association must be studied. The membership of the Association should be enlarged to encompass a trustees group and to include more school librarians and librarians of small community libraries.

The Association is indebted to Elizabeth Malone, the retiring president, for an unusual amount of work required in the year just past to renew interest in activities of the group after a period of almost two years during which all of the officers had left the state, and no meetings had been held. The Association has been reorganized with a membership of over one hundred. It supported the campaign in behalf of Amendment No. 34 and cooperated with the Arkansas State Library Commission in establishing a printed publication of which this is the third issue. The year was brought to a climax with a stimulating and worthwhile meeting in spite of difficult wartime conditions. Mr. Marvin Miller chairman of the committee to revise the Constitution deserves a great deal of credit for the work done in preparing the new Constitution which was adopted at the Association meeting.

With a firm basis on which to operate and clear cut problems on which to work the Association should have a year filled with profitable activity.

To initiate the program for the year, seven committees have been appointed by the president with the approval of the executive board. Each one of these has a definite problem on which it will work. Already the legislative committee has met and made its plans. The education committee will be expected to study the problem of certification and to work on a post-war plan for the libraries of the state.

Committees of the Arkansas Library Association 1945

STANDING COMMITTEES

Membership

Miss Elizabeth Malone, Public Library of Jonesboro & Craighead County.
Mrs. Kate Pardew, Fort Smith Public Library.
Mrs. B. L. Stanick, North Little Rock High School Library.
Mr. J. M. Peace, Magnolia A. and M. College Library.
Miss Gladys Sachse, Yell County Library.

Education

Mrs. Hazel Deal, North Arkansas Regional Library.
Miss Leta Sowder, Arkansas State Library Commission.
Mrs. C. C. Wilking, El Dorado Public Library.
Miss Mary Clifton, Hot Springs High School Library.
Miss Syble Tatum, Henderson State Teacher's College Library.

Legislative

Miss Constance Mitchell, Arkansas State Teachers College Library.
Mrs. D. D. Terry, Little Rock Public Library Board.
Charles Reynerson, Member State Library Commission, Hope, Arkansas.
Miss Catharine Thompson, Pulaski County Library.

Program Committee

Miss Lucile Lucas, Ozark Regional Library.
Miss Vera Snook, Little Rock Public Library.
Miss Elizabeth Huey, Logan County Library.
Miss Grace Upchurch, University of Arkansas Library.
Miss Annie Mae Eddins, Pine Bluff High School Library.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Cooperation with A. L. A.

Marvin Miller, University of Arkansas Library.
Miss Ethel Millar, Hendrix College.
Mrs. Earle Spencer, Pine Bluff Public Library.
Miss Eula McDougal, Mississippi County Library.
Miss Jacqueline Rainwater, Lawrence County Library.

Publications (To Assist with Arkansas Libraries)

Mrs. Dorothy McGuire, Conway County Library.
Miss Rosemary Zell, Little Rock Public Library.
Mrs. Nancy Rutherford, Jefferson County Library.

Publicity

Mrs. Margaret Burkhead, Little Rock Public Library.
Miss Mary Hightower, Sebastian County Library.
Mrs. Annie B. Proctor, Forrest City Public Library.

Arkansas Library Association Constitution and By-Laws

Adopted Nov. 14, 1944

ARTICLE I

Name

The name of this Association shall be the Arkansas Library Association: a chapter of the American Library Association.

ARTICLE II

Object

The object of the Association shall be to promote library service and the profession of librarianship in the State of Arkansas.

ARTICLE III

Membership

Section 1. Types of Membership:

(1) **Active.** Any individual who is or has been engaged in library work within the state may become an active member of this Association and be entitled to all its privileges upon payment of annual dues as provided in the By-Laws.

(2) **Life.** Any person eligible for active membership may become a life member, exempt from annual dues, upon payment of fee as provided.

(3) **Associate.** Any person interested in library work and the objectives of this association may become an associate member upon payment of dues as provided in the By-Laws.

(4) **Institutional.** Any library or educational institution or other organization interested in the work of the Association and approved by the Executive Board may become an institutional member upon payment of dues as provided for in the By-Laws.

(5) **Honorary.** Upon nomination by the Executive Board, persons who have rendered important service to the library interests or general educational interests of the state may be elected honorary members by a vote of the members present at any official meeting of the Association.

ARTICLE IV

Officers and Management

Section 1. Officers. The officers of the Association shall consist of a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary and a Treasurer, to be elected as provided in the By-Laws. They shall serve until the adjournment of the

meeting at which their successors are chosen. These officers shall perform the duties which usually pertain to these offices in similar organizations, and others as specified in the By-Laws.

Section 2. Executive Board

(a) The administration of the affairs of the Association shall be vested in an Executive Board which shall consist of the officers of the Association, the retiring president, one member elected by the Association at large, and the A. L. A. Councilor.

(b) Meetings of the Executive Board shall be held as necessary to transact the business of the Association. Five members shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE V

Chapter Membership in the A. L. A.

This Association shall hold a chapter membership in the American Library Association and shall elect a councilor for representation on the A. L. A. Council in accordance with provisions of the By-Laws of that Association.

ARTICLE VI

Meetings

Section 1. Meetings. Official meetings of the Association shall be held as provided in the By-Laws.

Section 2. Quorum. The presence of twenty-five per cent of the membership in good standing shall constitute a quorum for transaction of business at any official meeting of the Association.

ARTICLE VII

Amendments

Section 1. Constitution. This Constitution may be amended at any official business meeting of the Association by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting, provided that notice of the proposed change has been given in the call of the meeting.

Section 2. By-Laws. Any By-Law may be amended or suspended by a majority vote of members present and voting at any business meeting.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I

Meetings

Section 1. There shall be held an annual meeting of this Association at the time and place determined by the Executive Board, except as provided in sections two and three following.

Section 2. The time and place of every second meeting of the Association may coincide with the biennial meeting of the Southwestern Library Association, by action of the Executive Board.

Section 3. In times of emergency or other unusual mitigating circumstances an annual meeting may be cancelled or discontinued for one or more years by vote of the Executive Board or by mail ballot of the membership.

Section 4. Special meetings of the Association may be called by the Executive Board, and must be called by the president upon the written request or petition of twenty-five active members of the Association. Only business specified in the call for the meeting may be transacted.

Section 5. A notice for each regular and special meeting shall be mailed to each member of the Association at least thirty days before the time of the meeting. In the case of special meetings, this notice shall specify the object for which it is called.

ARTICLE II

Nominations and Elections

Section 1. **Nominating Committee.** The president of the Association shall appoint, not later than one month prior to the next regular meeting, a nominating committee of not less than three members. The committee shall nominate one or more candidates for each elective office and for a councilor to the A. L. A., as provided in the by-laws of that association. The report of the nominating committee shall be submitted to the Association at a session preceding that at which the election of officers is to be held. Any other nominations, signed by five members and filed with the secretary prior to the election, shall be added to the official list of nominations.

Section 2. **Election.** If there is more than one official nomination for any office the election to that office shall be by ballot; otherwise, the nomination shall be declared closed and a vote from the floor taken. A majority vote shall constitute election. When there are three or more nominations for an office, and no one candidate receives a clear majority on the first ballot, the president shall select the two receiving the largest number of votes and cause a second ballot to be taken for these two. In case of a tie vote, the successful candidate shall be determined by lot.

Section 3. **Time.** Election of officers shall be held at each annual meeting. In the event a quorum of voting members is not present at the session for election of officers, ballot shall be taken by mail within twenty days following the adjournment of this meeting.

Section 4. No Meeting Held. In the event that no annual meeting is held, as provided in Article I, Section 3 of the By-Laws, no election shall be held and all officers shall continue in office until the end of the next succeeding official meeting.

ARTICLE III

Official Years

Section 1. Membership Year. The membership year for the Association shall be the calendar year.

Section 2. Fiscal Year. The fiscal year of the Association shall be the calendar year.

Section 3. Conference Year. The conference year of the Association shall begin with the adjournment of the annual meeting and continue to the adjournment of the next succeeding annual conference. Terms of office of elected officers shall be for the conference year.

ARTICLE IV

Dues and Fees

Section 1. Annual Members. Dues as specified below shall be payable on January 1 of each calendar year. Members whose dues are unpaid on March 1 of each year shall be considered as delinquent and shall be dropped from membership if such delinquency is continued for one month after notice has been given. Lapsed members may be reinstated upon payment of dues for the current year. Dues are as follows:

- (a) Active members: \$1.00 per year.
- (b) Life members: \$25.00.
- (c) Associate members: \$1.00 per year.
- (d) Institutional members: \$2.00 per year.
- (e) Honorary members shall pay no dues.

Section 2. New Members. Dues of new members who join the Association after the close of the conference year shall apply to the next membership year.

Section 3. Conference Fee. For all persons attending any annual or special meeting of the Association there may be a registration fee not to exceed fifty cents, as fixed by the Executive Board.

Section 4. Reserve Fund. Moneys received from life memberships and from institutional membership shall be invested by the Executive Board as a permanent Reserve Fund, of which the income only shall be expended.

ARTICLE V

Membership Privileges

All classes of members shall have equal membership rights, except that only active and life members shall have the right to hold office.

ARTICLE VI

Special Duties of Officers

Section 1. President. The president shall with the advice of the Executive Board, appoint members of standing committees and such other committees as are necessary to carry on the work of the Association. New and special committees may be created, and old committees discontinued when conditions make such action advisable. The president shall when possible preside at all meetings of the Association and of the Executive Board, shall sign all contracts ordered by either body, and shall approve all orders or bills handled by the treasurer.

Section 2. Vice-President. The vice-president shall serve as chairman of the program committee.

Section 3. Secretary. The secretary shall prepare reports of annual or special meetings, and send such reports to the A. L. A. Bulletin, the Library Journal, and the State Library Commission for publication.

Section 4. Treasurer. The treasurer shall disburse the moneys of the Association only upon the order or approval of the president. An audit of the books of the treasurer shall be made by an auditing committee to be appointed by the president at the time of the annual meeting of the Association.

Section 5. The officers of the Association shall deposit all correspondence, records and archives not needed for current use in the Little Rock Public Library.

ARTICLE VII

Duties of the Executive Board

Section 1. The Executive Board shall act for the Association in intervals between meetings and shall be responsible for all business affairs of the Association.

Section 2. The Executive Board shall have power to fill all vacancies in office until the next regular meeting of the Association except that the duly elected vice-president shall act as president on the death or resignation of the elected president.

Section 3. The Executive Board may authorize the organization of round tables or sections of library workers within the Association. It shall appoint temporary chairmen to plan programs and conduct meetings of such round tables or sections; after organization is completed these sections or round tables shall elect their own officers consisting of a chairman and a secretary, at annual meetings.

Section 4. The Executive Board may contract for such publications as it deems desirable for promoting the interests of the Association, within the limits of such funds as are available for this purpose.

Section 5. The Executive Board shall with the advice of a program committee, plan and arrange for official meetings of the Association.

Section 6. The Executive Board, through its Finance Committee, shall endeavor to establish a permanent reserve fund from income derived from life membership fees, institutional membership fees, transfers and other special funds. Such fund shall be safely invested and only its interest expended, except by special authorization of the Association.

Section 7. The Finance Committee of Executive Board shall be composed of the president, the treasurer, and the member elected by the Association at large. It shall submit an estimate of the income for the fiscal year to the Executive Board. The Board shall prepare a budget for the annual financial operation of the Association. No expenses in excess of accounts of the treasurer shall be incurred in behalf of the Association by any officer or committee.

ARTICLE VIII

Committees

Section 1. Standing Committees. The following standing committees shall be appointed annually by the incoming president, with the approval of the Executive Board: (1) Membership; (2) Education; (3) Legislative. Specific duties of these committees are as follows; other duties coming within the scope of the particular committee may be assigned by the Executive Board or by vote of the Association. Committees may be dropped from this list or added by vote of the Association, upon recommendation of the Executive Board.

(1) **Membership Committee.** The membership committee shall endeavor to enroll a large and active membership for the Association, and shall co-operate with the state committee member of the A. L. A. to urge membership also in that association.

(2) **Education Committee.** The education committee is charged with studying and reporting upon problems of education for librarianship within the state. It shall also concern itself with broad problems relative to raising standards of all types of library service within the state.

(3) **Legislative Committee.** The legislative committee shall keep itself and the Association informed of state and national laws affecting libraries of the state. It shall be concerned with recommending new legislation or revising old for the benefit of library service in the state.

Professional Literature

The following books have been added to the collection of the Arkansas State Library Commission and are available for loan to librarians for a period of one month. Starred titles are suggested as items particularly suitable for purchase by small libraries.

Duff, Anis Bequest of wings: a family's pleasures with books. Viking 2.00.

"The author, who was formerly a librarian and bookseller, describes the adventures in reading which she and her husband have shared with her two growing children. The appendix contains a list of recommended books and phonograph records." Book Review Digest.

Hazard, Paul. Books, children and men. Horn book 3.00.

A survey of children's books in dif-

ferent lands. A translation of a book which appeared in France in 1932.

***Strang, Ruth May** and others. Gateways to readable books; an annotated list of books in many fields for adolescents who find reading difficult. Wilson 1.25.

A list prepared by librarians and teachers of reading containing many suggestions for the librarian confronted with slow readers. Estimated reading difficulty is indicated for each title and the most popular books are starred.

***Sweeney, Mary A.** Today's handbook for librarians; ready reference data with lists of sources of information about industrial employment and training opportunities — opportunities in the armed services and the qualifications they demand — rehabilitation—and other social and emotional problems involving individual readjustment and guidance. A. L. A. .75.

On Defending the Freedom to Read in Libraries

Every librarian hates censorship. His decision to add a book or periodical to the collection is not arbitrary but is based on the conviction that the book is of value and interest to his patrons. Once he has made his decision in accordance with that policy, he should not be overruled by persons who want to prevent others from reading what they themselves disapprove of. This type of interference in library operation is frequently accompanied by threats so serious as to force the librarian to accede to it. Whenever he does accede he reluctantly restricts the freedom to read. Such action is directly contrary to the principles he believes in; that's why he hates censorship.

The A. L. A.'s Committee on Intellectual Freedom has been empowered by the Executive Board and Council to compile a record of attempts, successful or not, to interfere with the library's provision of any book or periodical. To do this, it must have the help of the libraries. We therefore ask that you report to us any incident in your community where someone or some group or organization attempted to interfere with the provision of a book or magazine. We'd like to know:

Book or periodical affected.

Person or organization interfering.

Action taken or threatened by interfering agency.

Action taken or contemplated by the library.

We shall not make this information public without your permission.

Please send all information to Leon Carnovsky, Graduate Library School, University of Chicago, Chicago 37, Illinois, the chairman of the Committee on Intellectual Freedom. Other members of the Committee are Mrs.

J. Periam Danton, Philadelphia, Pa.; Mr. Frederic G. Melcher, editor of Publishers' Weekly, New York City; Mr. Jens Nyholm, librarian of Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill.; Miss Ruth Rutzen, chief of the circulation department, Detroit Public Library, Detroit, Mich.; and Mrs. George H. Tomlinson, trustee of the Evanston Public Library, Evanston, Ill.

News Notes

UNION COUNTY LIBRARY—Miss Leila Heasley assumed her duties as county librarian October 15. Miss Heasley, whose home is in Batesville, holds a degree in library science from Peabody. Since graduation from library school she has worked in Ohio in the Springfield Public Library, and she comes to El Dorado from Louisville, Ohio, where she served as librarian of the public library. She succeeds Mrs. William Ware, who is now librarian of the El Dorado High School.

A. P. & L. PAYS VOLUNTARY TAX—The library board of the Jackson County Library reports that the Arkansas Power and Light Company has paid its assessment of \$336.23 for the support of the county library, even though the tax is a voluntary one.

CHRISTMAS STORY HOUR—Betty Stroud, librarian of the Independence County Library reported a very successful Christmas Story Hour with one hundred forty-four children

on hand for the program.

DECEASED — Conrad Bach, husband of Mrs. Jessie Bach, librarian of the Jackson County Library, December 8, 1944. The librarians of the state join the Staff of the Commission in extending sympathy to Mrs. Bach.

RECEIVE INTERNATIONAL MIND ALCOVE BOOKS

The Drew County Library, Monticello, and the Columbia County Library, Magnolia, have been selected to receive the International Mind Alcove books donated by the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. Twice each year these libraries will receive collections of adult and juvenile books which are outstanding for the contribution which they make to international cooperation and understanding. Mrs. L. B. Roberts, librarian of the Drew County Library, and Mrs. Jessie Hines, librarian of the Columbia County Library, report that the collections just received contain eight titles which are welcome additions to their collections.

Recent Purchases of the Arkansas State Library Commission

In response to the many requests for lists of new books available for loan from the Arkansas State Library Commission, the following titles added since July 1, 1944, are being given. These will be mailed to individuals or to small community libraries in counties without county library service for a period of one month. The borrower is required to pay postage charges. County librarians may also borrow from this list, but are urged to restrict their requests to those titles which they will not be able to afford for their own collections.

NON-FICTION

Managing Yourself and Your Family
 Bande—Management in daily living.
 Castallo—Expectantly yours.
 Daly—Smarter & smoother.
 Harriman—Book of etiquette.
 Ray—How never to be tired.

Home Decoration

Gibbings—Good-bye, Mr. Chippendale.

Religion

Bays — Worship, programs and stories.
 Jones—Christ of the American road.

Jones—The radiant life.

McClinton—Flower arrangement in the church.

Palmer—The art of conducting public worship.

Poetry, Drama & Music

Benet—Western star.
 Downes—Adventures in symphonic music.
 Rodgers—Oklahoma.
 Stuart—Album of destiny.
 Van Druten—Voice of the turtle.

Sports

Lieb—St. Louis Cardinals.

Politics & Government

Garrette—Political handbook for women.

Johnsen—Lowering the voting age.

Description & Travel

Clayton—Heaven below.

Daniel—Islands of the Pacific.

Josephs—Argentine diary.

Morris—Traveler from Tokyo.

Strode—Timeless Mexico.

Strohm—I lived with Latin Americans.

Wells—Introducing Africa.

Lin Yutang—Between tears and laughter.

History

Beard—The republic.

Bodmer—Loom of language.

Brooks — World of Washington Irving.

Curti — Growth of American thought.

Durant—Story of civilization: Caesar and Christ.

Conditions in the U. S.

Clapper—Watching the world.

Dos Passos—State of the nation.

Haystead—Meet the farmers.

Michelson—Ghost talks.

Rosebery—This day's madness.

Saunders—Pioneers. O Pioneers!

The World at War

Blakeslee—Fighting ships of the U. S. A.

Brown—Your kids and mine.

Dennison—Dedication.

Lawson — Thirty seconds over Tokyo.

Leeming—Brave ships of World War II.

Poling—Your daddy did not die.

Riess—Nazis go underground.
 Riess—They were there.
 Snow—People on our side.

The Post-War World

Anshen—Beyond victory.
 Adams—Frontiers of American culture.
 Carlisle—Miracles ahead.
 Cherne—Rest of your life.
 Johnston—Wings after war.
 Lippman—U. S. war aims.
 Maisel—Wounded get back.
 Shotwell—Great decision.
 Waller—Veteran comes back.
 Wecter — When Johnny comes marching home.

Humor

Baker—Sad sack.
 Bulosan—The laughter of my father.
 Cuppy—Great bustard & other people.
 Ethridge—This little pig stayed home.
 Glick—Three times I bow.
 Lowell—Dear sir.
 MacMurray—Out on a limbo.
 Perelman—Crazy like a fox.
 Smith—Lost in the horse latitudes.

Biography, Personal Narratives and Reminiscences

Adams—We stood alone.
 Andrews—Under a lucky star.
 Berezowsky—Duet with Nicky.
 Clark—Pills, petticoats and plows.
 Dahl—I wanted to see.
 Davis—Esme of Paris.
 Ettlinger—Fair fantastic Paris.
 Fairchild—Garden islands of the great East.
 Graham—McGraw of the giants.
 Harriman—Take them up tenderly.
 Helmericks—We live in Alaska.
 Holton—Yankees were like that.
 Johnson—Bride in the Solomons.

Kenny—And they shall walk.
 Miller—Eisenhower.
 Morehouse—George M. Cohan.
 Porter—Papa was a preacher.
 Powell—I can go home again.
 Rizk—Syrian Yankee.
 Teale—Dune boy.
 Woolcott—Letters of Alexander Woolcott.
 Woolcott—None but a mule.

Fiction

Allen—Bedford village.
 Berlin—Land I have chosen.
 Best—Young 'un.
 Burnett—Seas of God.
 Caudill—Barrie & daughter.
 Colby—The apple must be bitten.
 Colver—Mr. Lincoln's wife.
 Cores—Corpse de ballet.
 Costain—Ride with me.
 Cuthrell—Change of heart.
 De la Roche—The building of Jalna.
 Dodge—Bullets for the bridegroom.
 Fast—Freedom road.
 Feuchtwanger—Simone.
 Fisher—Destination Tokyo.
 Frisbie—The island of desire.
 Gardner—Case of the blackeyed blonde.
 Gardner — Case of the crooked candle.
 Gibbons—Bachelor.
 Gilpatric—Mr. Glencannon ignores the war.
 Goudge—Green dolphin street.
 Graham—Earth and high heaven.
 Halsey—Some of my best friends are soldiers.
 Hancock—Community nurse.
 Hayes—Homer's hill.
 Huxley—Time must have a stop.
 Idell—Bridge to Brooklyn.
 Judah—Tom Bone.
 Knight—Dr. Christian's office.
 Langley—Wait for Mrs. Willard.
 Lasswell—High time.
 Lutz—Time of the singing birds.
 Melancon—Carl.

Miller—Lebanon.
Norway—Pastoral.
Obermeyer—Golden apples in the sun.
Perry—Hackberry cavalier.
Pope—Colcorton.
Queen—Misadventures of Sherlock Holmes.
Rinehart—Alibi for Isabel.
Sharp—Cluny Brown.
Sherriff—Chedworth.
Skidmore—Valley of the sky.
Sperry—Storm canvas.

Spring—Hard facts.
Stafford—Boston adventure.
Stone—Immortal wife.
Street—Valour and arms.
Taylor—Ridin' the rainbow.
Thorpe—Reunion on strawberry hill.
Wentworth—Pursuit of a parcel.
Wilder—Mr. G. strings along.
Wilson—Man's reach.
Winsor—Forever Amber.
Wylie—Night unto night.

Solution To Juvenile Fine Problem

Miss Claire K. Knox, Librarian of the McClellan Public Library, Pueblo, Colorado, reports a unique solution to the problem of fines incurred by juvenile borrowers. She allows her juvenile patrons to read off their fines thus encouraging them to form the habit of returning books promptly. When a child has borrowed books and returned them on time four times in succession, he is considered to have "read off" his fine. Regulations regarding the procedure are as follows:

1. A fine includes any charge for overdue, torn or damaged books, but does not include lost books, if their value is more than twenty-five cents.

2. When a child incurs a fine, his is told that he may read it off. If he prefers to pay it, he may do so.

3. When a child reports that he wishes to read off a fine the librarian makes a temporary card including his name, address, card number, the

amount of his fine and the date. This card is filed according to his last name and checked each time he reports upon returning books.

4. The child is required to report to the librarian each time he returns books for the next four times, so that she may know that he has had no overdue books four times in succession.

5. In the event a child has books overdue before the fourth time, he must begin again until he has returned books promptly four consecutive times.

6. If a child does not improve his habit of returning books promptly, the privilege of reading off his fine may be taken away from him, but this should have careful consideration of the child and the reason for his lack of punctuality.

Colorado Library Lens, Dec., 1944.

Minutes Of Arkansas Library Association, 1944

Theme: Arkansas Libraries For Tomorrow

The twenty-second annual meeting of the Arkansas Library Association opened in the auditorium of the Little Rock Public Library at 2:00 P. M., Monday, November 13, 1944. Miss Vera Snook gave a brief welcome and introduced Mrs. D. D. Terry, A. L. A. Federal Relations chairman, who presided at a Post-war planning institute.

Mr. John G. Pipkin, Readjustment Allowance Agent for the Veteran's Administration, discussed "The returned soldier looks at the future." Mr. Pipkin pointed out that returning soldiers will not be secure unless the country as a whole is prosperous. If everybody has a job, veterans' individual problems can be solved. Material in this field should be available in libraries.

Mr. Edward G. Webster, City Planner for Little Rock, speaking of "Planning for Peace," said that planners have finally "sold" the importance of planning to the public, and considerable ground-work has been laid. Detailed plans must be pushed to completion. Librarians can help by furnishing up-to-date literature.

Mrs. Latane Lambert, Director Texas-Oklahoma-Arkansas Area, National C. I. O. War Relief Committee, spoke on "Labor looks at the future." Her talk emphasized the fact that full employment and prosperity for all are possible through planned co-operation of industry, labor, agriculture and government; through achieving a fair balance between wages, prices, and farm income; and through free, strong and responsible labor unions.

Dr. Philip L. Howell, Assistant Professor Economics, Hendrix College,

discussed "An economist looks at the future." He stated that we can have prosperity, if the right steps are taken: 1. We must have adequate purchasing power. 2. Right legislation is essential and this depends largely on public opinion. There is danger of mistaken public opinion (a) We may be fearful of the large national debt. Public spending must be curtailed, but not so sharply as to create depression. (b) We may demand dropping of all rationing, etc., as soon as the war is over. But planning has been needed to win the war and we must have planning and price control to achieve the goal of full employment in peace.

At a brief business meeting, Miss Elizabeth Malone, President, appointed committees:

Nominating: Mrs. Brawner Moseley, Miss Snook, Miss Mary Clifton, Miss Florence Clayton Carmichael.

Resolutions: Mrs. Jessie Bach, Mrs. Annie B. Proctor.

From 5:00 P. M. to 6:00 P. M. a delightful tea was given in honor of library trustees and board members at the home of Mrs. A. M. Zell.

At the General Session at 8:00 P. M., Mrs. Allie Beth Martin, Assistant Librarian of the State Library Commission, presided. Cpl. Lucien Pinet, accompanied by Mrs. Pinet, sang a group of songs. Miss Debora R. Abramson, Assistant Secretary of the Louisiana Library Commission, gave an address on "Disuse, Misuse, and Use of Libraries in the Days Ahead." She stressed the importance of libraries in the small communities. The smaller the library, the more important the personnel. Objectives are needed, suited to the individual library,

objectives not too ambitious or too insignificant. Librarians can make people want books they have not wanted before. They can accept civic duties. Librarianship is a career of service.

On November 14, from 8:00 to 9:00 A. M., the Junior Members Round Table had a breakfast at the Frederica Hotel. Miss Elsie Weisenberger, Chairman, Hempstead County Library, Hope, presided. The officers elected were:

Chairman, Miss Leila Heasley, Union County Library, El Dorado.

Vice-Chairman, Miss Jacqueline Rainwater, Lawrence County Library, Walnut Ridge.

Secretary, Miss Vivian Maddox, Poinsett County Library, Harrisburg.

Treasurer, Mrs. Jessie Hines, Columbia County Library, Magnolia.

At the General Session at 9:30 A. M., November 14th, which was a business meeting, Miss Elizabeth Malone presided. Minutes for 1941 were read and approved. On account of the war, only executive meetings had been held since that date.

The treasurer, Miss Rosemary Zell, reported \$103.00 received as dues, \$25.00 as gifts for the publicity campaign for Amendment No. 34. Balance on hand, \$80.29. She reported that a detailed statement of expenditures for the Amendment campaign would be mailed.

A letter of greeting from Mr. Carl Vitz, President of American Library Association, was read.

A telegram was received from Miss Lucy Sanders, Helena, regretting her absence.

Miss Leta Sowder, Librarian of Arkansas Library Commission, discussed legislation, voicing the keen disappointment of the group that Amendment No. 34 (for a permissive county library tax) had lost. She at-

tributed its defeat to the long ballot, the large vote, over-confidence, adverse newspaper publicity, and failure to convince enough persons that we were right. She stressed the fact that better preparation must be made in 1946.

Mrs. Allie Beth Martin urged librarians to apply to the Commission for inter-library loans.

On motion of Miss Snook it was voted that a committee of three or five librarians and trustees be appointed to confer that day with the Arkansas Democrat on the misleading information they had printed about Amendment No. 34.

Miss Lucas reported a registration of 58 the first day of the meeting.

Mr. Marvin Miller, Librarian of the University of Arkansas Library, presented copies of a new constitution as the report of the Committee on Constitution. (Other members: Mrs. Mosley and Miss Hynes). After discussion it was adopted as submitted, with a vote of thanks to Mr. Miller. The by-law on dues was interpreted to mean that dues would be payable again January 1, 1945.

Miss Evie Shaw, Arkansas State Teachers College Library, Conway, reported for the Committee on the Loan Fund. Replies to questionnaires indicated that other associations were doing nothing during the war. Therefore, no action was recommended.

Miss Malone said that there are calls for a bibliography of Arkansas publications and expressed the hope that work could be begun on this soon.

The report of the Committee on Cooperation with the American Library Association, Miss Constance Mitchell, Chairman, prepared by Mrs. W. O. Wilson, Hendrix College, read by the secretary, presented a condensation of

recent articles on this subject. In discussion, Miss Ethel Millar, Hendrix College, suggested that members might be allowed to express a desire to serve on a certain committee as a "corresponding" member. Miss Leila Heasley wanted the A. L. A. to develop services suited to the needs of small libraries and moved that the new president appoint a committee to study this and send recommendations to the A. L. A.

The above Committee on Cooperation with the A. L. A. (Miss Mitchell, Chairman) also recommended that the Arkansas Library Association affiliate with the American Library Association. There are 75 members of the American Library Association in Arkansas. On motion of Miss Snook it was voted to affiliate with American Library Association.

Mr. Miller moved suspension of the by-laws while a representative on the American Library Association Council was elected. This carried and Mr. Miller was nominated and elected to this office.

Miss Abramson discussed certification in Louisiana and Mrs. Deal, who is certified in Louisiana, spoke of its value.

Mrs. Proctor, of Forrest City, asked for exchange of book-plates.

Miss Millar wanted to talk to persons who were doing home binding of magazines.

Mrs. Moseley reported for the Nominating Committee and the following officers were elected:

President, Mrs. Allie Beth Martin, Assistant State Librarian, Little Rock.

Vice President, Miss Lucile Lucas, Librarian Ozark Regional Library.

Secretary, Miss Georgia Clark, University of Arkansas Library.

Treasurer, Miss Mary Dowdle, Little Rock Senior High School Library.

Resolutions were read by Mrs. Proctor.

Mrs. Martin called attention to the fact that complete files of the Arkansas Historical Quarterly are available.

Miss Hudgins, Army and Navy Hospital Librarian, Hot Springs, described the difficulties and joys of her work.

Sectional Meetings: 1:30-3:30 P. M.

The Public and County Library Section, with Mrs. Hazel Deal, North Arkansas Regional Library, presiding, considered the problems of public relations and uniform records.

A committee made up of Miss Catharine Thompson, Chairman, Miss Leila Heasley and Miss Lucile Lucas was appointed to study records and present recommendations for uniform records to the January meeting of county librarians.

Election of officers, provided for by the new constitution, was inadvertently omitted. The executive board will appoint officers in January.

The College and University Section, Miss Constance Mitchell, Arkansas State Teachers College Library, presiding, considered:

College Library and Post-war Planning, and Training of College Freshmen in the use of the Library.

The consensus was that this training should be given by the English department with the cooperation of the library, early in the year, with laboratory work as well as lectures.

Twelve persons representing eleven institutions were present.

Mr. J. M. Peace, Magnolia A. & M. College Library, was elected chairman for the coming year.

The School Library Section with Miss Mary Clifton, Hot Springs High School Library, presiding, heard a discussion of "Visual Education" by Dr. H. L. Minton, Director of Public

Relations, Arkansas State Teachers College. He emphasized:

1. Libraries as a source of information.
2. Necessity for librarians to be acquainted with various types of visual aids, as maps, charts, lantern slides, and filmstrips.
3. Sources and cost of equipment.
4. Care and operation of equipment.

Dr. Minton offered to give the librarians any assistance possible.

Eleven members were present. It was agreed to include all school librarians in this section.

New Officers: Mrs. B. L. Stanick, North Little Rock High School Library, Chairman; Mrs. Annie M. Edkins, Pine Bluff Senior High School Library, Secretary.

A. L. A. Calls For Nominations For Outstanding Trustees

The Jury on Citation of Trustees of the American Library Association wishes to receive nominations of outstanding trustees for the 1945 citation for distinguished service. Nominations must be received by March 1, 1945.

The first awards of this nature were made at the Boston Conference, June, 1941. At the Council meeting October 13, Carl Vitz, President, A. L. A., awarded the 1944 citations to Mrs. Philip Sidney Smith, Trustee, Public Library of the District of Columbia, "in recognition of her service as a trustee, influential in secur-

ing funds and gifts, strengthening cooperative relationships between schools and library, promoting the library's activities through civic and friends of the Library groups, and advancing library development by an unremitting interest and wise and liberal policies" and to B. F. Coen, Trustee, Fort Collins Public Library and Larimer County Library "in recognition of this service as a trustee, friend of libraries, believer in the value of the book, especially for rural boys and girls and trail blazer in his efforts to secure books and library service for all the people in Colorado."